

STATE NEWS.

James Marshall, the ten-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James McCorkle, of Salisbury, was instantly killed Thursday morning by falling from a taxicab and being run over by the rear wheel. The mother of the child, in company with her young daughter, had started to the home of a sick friend, and the infant in some unaccountable way fell from the cab, the rear wheel passing over his head, death resulting within an hour.

Rev. Daniel Albright Long, A. M., D. D., L. L. D., of Graham received a telegram last week from the trustees of Union Christian College, located at Merow, Indiana, telling him that he had been elected president of said college to succeed the distinguished Dr. O. B. Whitaker. The telegram requested Dr. Long to go to Indiana at once to take charge of the affairs of the college. He left Graham at once for Merow. He will return to North Carolina in a few days as he has accepted an invitation to deliver the Fourth of July address at Graham.

An 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Bason, of Graham, fell into a tub of water and was drowned. This occurred near Haw River. The mother had gone out to draw a bucket of water and the baby fell into the tub of about seven inches of water and was drowned before it was noticed. It was an ordinary lard tub, which easily allowed the infant to overbalance and fall into.

The members of the First Baptist church of Wadesboro, contemplate the erection of a new parsonage at an early date and a committee is at work now on the matter of a site and have several under consideration. This church has not yet secured a pastor to succeed Rev. T. W. Chambliss, who resigned several months ago. The congregation called Rev. Dr. W. C. Tyree, but he declined and then a call was tendered to Rev. J. C. Reddish of Gastonia. Mr. Reddish has not yet accepted the call and the matter is still open.

With the presence of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, President D. H. Hill of the A. and M. College and Mrs. W. N. Hunt, Durham county sent through rousing resolutions Saturday for one of the farm life schools, not a dissenting voice being heard when the call for a vote was made. The unanimity with which it carried almost makes certain that the election to be held later will authorize it. The farmers inclined to suspicion when new things are offered, were carried away with the addresses and promised to become evangelists the moment they emerged from the court house.

A contract has been let for extensive improvements on the Presbyterian church at Lexington. A large Sunday school room will be added and a number of other important changes will be made. The wonderful growth of the Sunday school and of the church itself during the past few months makes this expansion necessary. The new rooms will cost \$2,000 and the work will be done under the supervision of Mr. W. N. Kinney, contractor.

Last Saturday President J. F. Buckeit of Catawba College received a check for \$500 from Miss Marie E. Santee of Philadelphia, same to be applied to the needs of the institution as may be directed by the college authorities. The gift came most unexpectedly and was therefore the more appreciated. Last summer Miss Santee donated \$1,000 to the college for equipment, etc.

Citizens of Spencer are stared in the face with a water famine on account of the failure of an artesian well of the Spencer Water Company, a corporation which has an agreement to furnish the town with water. All sorts of demands have been made of the owners of the plant to provide an additional water supply, but the over-turers have been ignored by the Spencer Water Company.

A distressing accident occurred Saturday afternoon in Mooreville when Mr. Coon Wallace, 25 years of age, brakeman on Capt. John Frazier's train, who was running on the top of a box car as it was being thrown in the siding, lost his bearing as he grabbed for the brake wheel on the car that was butting against one standing on the siding. The mis-

step precipitated him between the two cars, doubling up his body and causing him to roll twelve or fifteen feet in front of the moving cars before it finally ran over his left arm.

A surprise wedding of interest occurred at the Battery Park hotel Saturday night, when Miss Helen Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Yates of Greensboro, became the bride of Mr. Roy B. Wagner, son of Capt. A. Wagner of Asheville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, pastor of the First Baptist church, in the drawing room of the Battery Park in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting couple.

Four convicts were killed, 12 seriously injured and 14 convicts and 3 guards slightly injured Sunday in the collapse of a bull pen near Waterville, N. C., in the heart of the Smokies, where two railroad companies are engaged in a war for the monopoly of the only remaining mountain pass to the east. The convicts were all negroes, the property of the State of North Carolina, and were being worked in connection with the construction work of the Transcontinental Railroad.

Despondency caused by the death Sunday morning of his fiancée at the Fowle hospital in Washington, N. C., after a very short illness from appendicitis, drove Charles Ricks, the eldest son of Sheriff George E. Ricks of that town and county, to attempt self-destruction about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The rash act was committed in young Ricks' room at the home of his parents and a razor was the means used, a deep gash being cut in his throat.

R. F. D. men are already beginning to look forward to the meeting of the State Rural Letter Carriers' Association, which is to be held in Winston-Salem July 3 and 4. It is expected that there will be not less than 125 delegates in attendance. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. McGraw of Washington is expected to be present. Senator L. S. Overman will deliver an address on the afternoon of July 4. A feature also will be the singing of the choir composed of R. F. D. men. It will be recalled that this meeting was held recently in Charlotte, at which time a large number of retail mail carriers were in attendance.

The biggest financial deal in the history of Hickory took place last week when the Piedmont Wagon Works changed hands in a deal involving more than \$400,000. The deal was engineered by Mr. J. A. Martin of that city and he and his associates were the purchasers.

MAINE COMES TO LIGHT

Interesting Discoveries Made by Explorers Who Are Raising the Old Battleship.

Havana, June 18.—As the remains of the battleship Maine gradually rises above the level of the waters within the cofferdam interesting discoveries are made. The explorers last night and this morning recovered plates and other chinaware in the officers' quarters. All were in a good state of preservation. An officers' dress sword was found behind the forward portside door leading from the officers' quarters to the spar deck. The inference is that some officer hastening to the deck and buckling on his sword as he ran, was compelled to abandon it and escape in the rush of water over the spar deck.

A curious indication of the slight force of the explosion felt in the afterpart of the ship, was an electric light bulb hanging intact from the roof of the superstructure.

Exploration of the interior continues to be interrupted by masses of mud and rubbish.

Wouldn't You Jump?

John Barker, the town marshal of Harrisonville, Kan., avers that he overheard the following conversation between two little girls who are not yet old enough to go to school: "What makes a horse get naughty when he sees an auto?" one asked. "It's this way," replied the other. "Horses is used to seein' other horses pullin' rigs, and they don't know what to thing of 'em goin' along without a horse. I guess if you was to see a pair of pants walkin' down the street without a man in 'em, you'd be scared, too."—New York Tribune.

THE SACRED BRASS POUND

How Gold Value is Fixed at the United States Mint.

New York Herald.

The sacred brass pound has been on its job again. What is the sacred brass pound? Well, it looks like a duck egg in plain brass, with the point shaved off to serve as a stable base for it to rest on, and with a rather neatly ornamental flat top, like those you see sticking up from the pound and half-pound weights near the drug store scales, rising from the upturned butt.

This sacred brass pound of the United States mint at Philadelphia is the latest resort in determining the correct weight of all the money minted in the United States.

The government of the United States was fairly prompt in deciding that it had to work from a fixed standard for its coinage, and yet it was nearly half a century or so late in reaching the conclusion that any absolute standard was necessary.

A dozen years or so after the war of 1812 had ended and peace showed itself as indefinitely assured—in 1827—instructions were given the American minister in London to produce there a pound weight of brass which would be of the exact standard of twelve ounces, troy—exact to the smallest fraction of a grain. In 1823 the practice had been instituted of having a government commission examine and weigh sample coins made during the year at the mint so that all government currency could in itself support the guarantee of the government that it contained precisely so much gold or silver, as was specified by law.

In compliance with the behest there came from London the brass pound which has ever since been the ultimate standard for the comparison of all our coinage, the little duck egg that was destined ultimately to end the once common crime of "sweating" coins. So long as there was any possible doubt, to the fraction of a grain, as to the full weight of a gold piece when it was minted, just so long it would be impossible to prove that any appreciable quantity had been taken from it.

So important was every grain of metal in the fundamental brass pound destined to be, and so keenly was that importance appreciated, that its very shape was made to entail the minimum amount of friction when handled, and even while standing in its mahogany box. The duck egg shape allows only the outer rim to touch the chamois lining of the case, and it constitutes what seems to be the original discovery and application of the principles of ball-bearing machinery.

This supersensitive pound weight was never to be touched designed lifter, or so-called hook was provided, and that, too, was covered with chamois lest it scratch the surface.

Accused Georgia Deacon Clears Church With Gun.

Savannah, Ga., June 18.—A mad scramble for windows and doors interrupted the sitting of a jury of elders at the Clifton Baptist church, 5 miles from here today, when Deacon Joseph Smalls, Jr., who was on trial for card playing drew a revolver and covered the jury and audience while he forced them to listen to his defending argument.

The hearing was going along smoothly but applause shook the building every time a point was made against the defendant. Just before the jury began the consideration of their verdict, Smalls arose and said he was determined to give his side of the case. When he drew his revolver, he quickly cleared the house of all except the sacred conference members. Flourishing his pistol, he waxed eloquent and before he knew it, two of his hearers jumped behind him and pinioned his arms, while others came to disarm him. At this point, Smalls' mother entered the church armed with a butcher knife and promised to make more trouble, but she soon was quieted. Police were called from Savannah and Smalls was taken to the station. The elders continued their session and Smalls was deposed as deacon.

Horrible!

One man, doubtless, has been cured of the habit of kissing the young woman who attends to his nails; and she can point to him and say: "See the man-kissed!"—Kansas City Star.

DUTY RESTING ON FARMER.

Soil, Which Yields Substance to Mankind, Should Be Conserved and Not Impoverished.

There is one duty that rests upon the farmer, and that is, he should protect the soil. That which yields the means of subsistence to mankind should be conserved and not impoverished, as unfortunately is true to a large extent. Nature is generous, and should we prove ungrateful? Not only all existence depends upon the soil, but the life of future generations as well. The law by heavy penalty, prevents our taking anything which belongs to another, without his consent, if living. Shall we rob our children and our children's children by taking the substance from the soil, leaving to them a legacy of impoverished land?

It has been argued that the farmer will never organize and work in harmony. I believe he will. Our school system is getting away from the dead languages to living problems. Reason is asserting itself over matters of authority. Education will in the future be the useful. Farming is a science, and the day will come when a knowledge of the soil and its products will command more respect than a knowledge of Greek and Latin, and a skull full of classical learning, memorized from the ancient order, writes Frank A. Collins in the Grosebeck (Texas) Journal. The march of science is exact, commanding. It is being applied to the soil. It will bring about organization, not ruled by prejudice.

The newspaper is the great educator, for it cannot be muzzled. A college professor may be compelled to write a text book to the end that special interests be cared for, but the press subjects itself to no authority, and yields a free lance.

I do not advocate the idea that there should be warfare between the country and the town. Thousands of people in the town are working in harmony with country people, and the country people with them, and both gain advantage.

TRY FERRO-CEMENT ROADS.

Experiments With This Substance in France Have Been Highly Successful.

"Ferro-cement" roads are being experimented with in France. The substance is made of cement mixed with straw. To make a slab or block of ferro-cement, a mass of iron-straw is placed in the mold, and there is poured over it cement sufficiently fluid to penetrate into all the interstices of the iron and completely cover it. When the whole has set, the core or iron thus intimately incorporated gives to the block a great resistance to breakage and to traction, at the same time furnishing elasticity to compression which enables it to stand superficial shocks. A brick of ferro-cement 1 3/5 inches thick has supported during crushing tests, a pressure of about 65 tons to the square inch. In breakage tests, the resistance was quadruple that of ordinary cement. Resistance to wear was no less remarkable.

LAFOLLETTE WILL RUN

Insurgent Leader To Oppose Taft for Renomination.

Washington, June 17.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin will be in the race for the Republican nomination for President. This fact became known here today following considerable speculation as to whether the Republican progressive in the Senate would support Mr. LaFollette in his plans for tariff revision and in his campaign for the presidency.

It may be stated on the highest authority that Senator LaFollette is to challenge the political fate and make the plunge. His formal statement of his intentions will appear later in the month.

Woman Dies on New York Street of Starvation

New York, June 17.—For the second time within forty-eight hours, a woman collapsed today of starvation in the streets of New York. This time the victim died. She said she was Rose Dasso, aged 57, homeless and friendless. She had slept in doorways and parks for a year. She told a policeman who knelt over her just before life became extinct.

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The R. F. D. and the Advertiser.

Atlanta Constitution.

In one of his recent attractive talks on advertising in The Constitution William C. Freeman asks, "I wonder if the national advertiser has ever given any consideration to the effect that rural free delivery has had in increasing the value the daily newspaper as a general advertising medium for their business?"

It is to be doubted if, many of the advertisers, in this section at least, have analyzed the connection between cause and effect in publicity as closely as has Mr. Freeman. But to his comment connection rural free delivery which the daily paper, we would add an amendment extending the trade-stimulating influence to the weekly and the tri-weekly newspaper.

Rural free delivery has inestimably expanded the field in which the large or small advertiser may look for business with the expectation of business. It has, practically, brought the country districts to his store doors, in that injects salesmanship-on-paper which is all advertising is, into the uttermost corners of the rural districts.

The New Panama Bonds Greatly Over-Subscribed.

Washington, June 17.—Such estimates of the bids for the government's 3 per cent \$50,000,000 Panama loan as are available tonight, indicate that the loan has been three times over-subscribed and that the average price of the new bonds will run a little over 102.50. The ban affre bids received will total about \$170,000,000. Of this amount \$2,300,000 was subscribed at 3 per cent or more; \$32,000,000 at over 102.50; \$81,000,000 at between 101.50 and 102.50 and \$50,000,000 at 102 and under.

Bruin's Heart Broken.

Old Ben, the oldest bear in the Bronx zoo, New York, died of a broken heart, attendants say, following the removal from his cage of his mate.

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